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Scripture Passages for the Week:

- Exodus 3:1-12 The promise of deliverance
- Isaiah 43:15-21 God’s promise of renewal
- Luke 1:26-38 New Hope for the world foretold
- Romans 8:18-25 Hope for the future

A prayer for the week:

Mighty and Powerful God, who came into our midst in the form of a fragile child, remind us once again of the hope that lies in each child; a hope for a better world. Amen.

A Mealtime Prayer:

Loving God, we pray in the Lord’s Prayer for our daily bread. We thank you for answering that prayer, and ask that all may be fed with their daily bread. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

As you look ahead to the coming of the child at Christmas, may your faith be strengthened by the celebration of Advent and the promise of Hope. Amen.

(This resource is adapted by the staff of Manhattan Beach Community Church from the “Taking Faith Home” resource of Vibrant Faith Ministries. For more information on Vibrant Faith Ministries, you can visit their website at www.vibrantfaithathome.org.)

Caring Conversations:

The Scriptures are filled with hopeful messages for a renewed world. Discuss in your household or in a small group:

- What is it that you are hoping for in your life?
- What are the obstacles you face?
- How can your faith in God and Christ help you overcome the obstacles and fulfill your hopes?

Devotions:

As you gather for devotional time during the week, reflecting on the theme of Hope, offer up a series of hopeful prayers for your personal life, for your family, for your community, for your nation, and for the world. If you engage in prayer with other, perhaps take turns throughout the week.

Service:

December 1st is World AIDS Day. Did you know that there are more than twenty million children and youth across the world that have lost both of their parents to this disease? Talk about how you can raise awareness about this sad situation. As a gesture of hope, consider making a donation to an organization that offer care for AIDS orphans.

Rituals and Traditions:

During the Advent Celebration following church this Sunday, there will be an opportunity to make an Advent Wreath for your home. In addition, a candle-lighting litany will be provided so that you can light the candles of your wreath at home throughout the Advent Season.